

JUNE, 2009 MISSION TRIP TO GHANA

Sponsored by FosteringHopeInternational

Overview.

Be a part of a 1 to 5 week mission trip to Ghana, West Africa through FosteringHopeInternational, and partnering with Amazing Grace Gospel, Int.

Week 1: May 29 – June 7; Week 2: June 5 – June 14; Week 3: June 12 – June 21; Week 4: June 19 – June 28; Week 5: June 26 – July 5

Each trip will leave on Friday and arrive on Saturday in Accra, West Ghana. This way you can attend church at Amazing Grace Gospel in Accra on Sunday. This church is on the property of Bishop Isaac and Grace Akorli. There is a motel located ¼ mile from the house that is \$40 a night. It is air conditioned (a big thing) and has running water. It is clean but no extras. After church on Sunday the rest of the day will be spent acclimating to the climate and answering questions.

Monday morning: spent purchasing supplies, preparing for the trip to where you will be working.

Monday afternoon/evening: travel to site where we will be working that week.

Tuesday – Friday: work at site(s)

Saturday: Those not in Accra will return to Accra. There will be a debriefing time with Bishop Isaac and Grace, shopping, etc.

Sunday: Worship service in AM. Prepare to leave that evening.

Each person is responsible for their own flights. Most flights go through Europe (England, Germany, etc.) and then to Accra, about a 24 - 36 hour trip. Delta does have a flight from New York straight to Accra, but it is more expensive, about a 12-14 hour trip. Cost varies greatly. I usually end up around \$2,000 round trip. Watch for taxes. Some of the cheaper seats do not include taxes and they can run up to \$500.

Passports you will be responsible for. As we get close to the time to leave Isaac will issue a letter inviting us to come visit in Ghana, and then we can get your visa.

There are shots that are required. Truth and Mercy here in Kansas City does these shots very economically.

MINISTRY OPTIONS

There are several opportunities for ministry at this time. Read, pray, and choose where God can most effectively use your gifts. All of these are listed as one week opportunities, but if you want to stay for 2, 3, 4, or 5 that would be great.

- Construction – completion of the foster home, and construction of a second building. This could include making cement blocks, plastering walls, installing windows, wiring electric, plumbing, etc. We are working on the project now and it is an ongoing project. In the evenings interact with the orphans in having Bible School, games, and interaction with the kids and with families from the surrounding area. Opportunity to visit nearby villages and hold worship services or Bible classes
- Orphan children – spend time with children under 6 years of age, doing reading, teaching Bible Stories, playing, singing, all the things children enjoy. Help children understand conversational English. In the late afternoon and evening spending time with school children teach Bible School, offering games, interacting with the kids and with families from the surround area. Opportunity to visit nearby villages and hold worship services or Bible classes
- Leadership training for pastors and elders of Amazing Grace Gospel Churches. Most of the pastors have not had the opportunity for formal education. Such training could include a book of the Bible study, how to develop spiritual growth, etc. Work books or handouts are a must. Possibility of doing 2-4 day revivals in the evening or Bible Study.
- Revivals (for church members) in Accra, Aflao, and in the villages. A team would be best. Let us know what part you would be interested in. Interpreters are available. Will be doing evangelism, outreach, etc. during the day and preaching/teaching each evening.
- Crusade (held in a public place to reach the masses) These would be in Accra or Aflao for four to seven days. They require a team who will evangelize in the market place, on the street, etc. during the day and then present the gospel in the evening. Music, video, preaching, healing, are expected by the people.

PROJECT COST

COST: There are many opportunities according to what you want to experience, see, and do. People in Ghana make an average of \$2.00 a day therefore we must provide everything for our trip. Each of the projects will require \$500 per person per week to cover supplies.

Construction of Foster Village homes: Materials and supplies to work with.

Orphan children: Teaching Bible Stories materials (VBS, backyard Bible clubs), teaching English with electronic tools (with lots of batteries), books, games.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING: Books and Bible study materials. Pastors desperately need resources. Bibles are also of great value. Last year we took solar Bibles to the pastors and elders,

REVIVALS: Advertisement, banners, interpreters, rental of tent, etc. Is just part of the expenses that will be incurred.

CRUSADES: These are very expensive and will take several thousands to provide.

NOTE: Although airline rules are changing daily, I try to bring the following. One suitcase with my things, one suitcase loaded with materials and supplies (that I will leave there), and a suitcase or box of food. Usually the third suitcase has cost me \$150 to take.

HOUSING, FOOD, AND TRANSPORTATION

\$1,000.00 per week. This includes a place to lay your head at night (can not guarantee air conditioning or a fan as electricity is not always dependable, 3 meals a day, bottled drinking water, and transportation from Accra to your site and back to Accra.

INTERESTED? Contact Elaine Brown at fosteringhopeinternational@yahoo.com or call at 913-940-4866.

With today's economy all of the prices may be subject to change. I will keep you updated with any changes as soon as possible.